

The effect of certayne braunces of the Statute

made in Anno, xxxiii. Henr. viii. touching the mayntenaunce of Artillery, and the punishment of such as vse or maynteyne vnlawfull games, very necessary to be put in execution.



Item, that al fathers, gouernours, & rulers of such as be of tender age, do teache and bring by them in the knowledge of shooting. And that euery man, hauinge a man child or men children in his house, shall prouide, or dayne, and haue in his house for euery man child, being of the age of .vii. yerres & aboue, till he shal come to the age of .xvii. yerres, a bowe and .ii. wastes, to induce and learne them and bring them by in shooting, and shall deliuer all the same bowe and arrowes to the same young men, to vse & occupy: And if the same young men be seruantes, that then theyr maisters shall abate the money that they shall paye for the same bowes and arrowes, of their wages. And after all such young men shall come to the age of .xvii. yerres, euery of them shall prouide and haue a bowe and .iiii. arrowes, continually for him selfe at his proper costes and charges, or els of the gyfte or prouision of his frendes, and vse and occupie the same in shooting, as is

before reherfed. And if the master suffer any of his seruantes, taking wages, beyng in his housholde, and vnder the age of .xvii. yerres, or the father suffer any of his sonnes, beyng in his housholde, and vnder the age of .xvii. yerres, to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the fourme of this estatute, by the space of one moneth together, then the master or father in whom such negligence shalbe, shall for euery such default forfait .vi. s. viii. d. And that euery seruant passing the age of .xvii. yerres, and vnder the age of .lx. yerres, and taking wages, which can or is able to shote, and shall lacke a bowe and .iiii. arrowes by the space of one moneth together, shall for euery such default forfait and lose .vi. s. viii. d.

Item that no person by hym selfe, factor, Deputie, Seruant, or other person, shall for his or theyr gayne, lucre, or luyng, kepe, haue, holde, occupy, exercise, or mayntayne any common Howse, Alley, or place of Bowlyng, Coptynge, Cloys, Coyles, halfe Bowle, Tennys, Disynge, Table or Cardynge, or anye other maner of game prohibited by any statute heretofore made, or any vnlawfull newe game nowe inuented or made, or hereafter to be inuented, founde, had or made, vpon payne to forfait and paye for euery daye keepynge, hauynge, maynteynyng, or sufferynge any suche game to be had, kept, executed, played or maynteyned, within any suche Howse, Garden, Alley, or other place, contrary to the fourme and effect of this estatute. xl. s. And the players so taken, to pay for euery tyme. vi. s. viii. d.

Item, that the Iustices of peace, and euery Maior, Sheriffe, Bayliffe, Constable, or other head officer, haue auctoritie to enter into all places, aswell within fraunchises as els where, and the persons offending in any of the premises, to take and put in prison, vntill such tyme they put in suerties no more to suffer, occupy, or commyt the sayde offences.

Item, that the Mayors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other head officers within euery Cytie, Borough, and Towne, within this Realme, where any such officers shall fortune to be, aswell within the fraunchises, as without, shall make due search weekly, or at the furthest at all tymes hereafter once euery moneth, in all places where any such Houses, Alleys, playe or playes shalbe suspected to be had, kept, and mainteined. And if the sayd Mayors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other head officers, within theyr Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, aswell within fraunchises as without, doo not make due search at the furthest once euery month, yf the case so requyre, according to the tenor of this act, and do not execute the same in al thinges according to the purport and force of the same: that then euery such Mayor, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constable, or other head officer, to pay and forsayt for euery month not making such search, nor executing the same. xl. s.

Item that no Artificer, or handy craftes man of any occupation, Husbandman, Apprentice, Labourer, seruunt of husbandry, Joyneman, or seruunt, or Artificer, Marriner, Fisherman, Waterman, or any seruinge man, may vse any vnlawful game.

Item that all that playe at Bowles or any other vnlawfull game in the fieldes, to lose for euery suche tyme .vi. s. viii. d. and to be commytted to prison, vnto such tyme they put in suerties no more to vse the same.

Item, thys statute to be proclaimed. iiii. times euery yere, and the lyke to be done in all assises and sessions, and to continue for euer.

Memorandum, that there is a prouiso in this statute, for al men of woorthyp which may dispend. C. li. yeaerlye, and bywardes, may vse these games with discretion at theyr pleasures.

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